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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 48.

Please replace claims 29, 40, 50 and 52 with the following claims:

28. (Amended) A method for identifying a compound which binds to the CCR5 chemokine receptor whose amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO 5, and which binds at least one ligand of said CCR5 chemokine receptor, the method comprising the steps of

- (a) providing a cell containing a nucleic acid molecule encoding said receptor or said portion thereof and expressing said receptor or portion thereof;
- (b) exposing said cell to a candidate compound; and
- (c) detecting the presence of a compound bound to said receptor or portion thereof, thereby determining whether said compound binds to said receptor or portion thereof.

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1. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment; and
2. Postcard.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 9409/2023C. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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